



## EQIP Activity Sheet: EAS528-2 Prescribed Grazing

### Minimum Criteria to Qualify for the Prescribed Grazing payment.

*The objective of this activity is: Maintain a prescribed grazing system according to the conservation plan. Minimum grazing heights, maximum grazing periods and minimum rest periods must be maintained according to the MO GRAZE4 in your conservation plan.*

### **General Criteria:**

#### **Where Applicable:**

- This activity is applicable to fields that are implementing a multi-paddock rotational grazing system to improve grassland condition, plant health and diversity.

#### **Documentation for Payment:**

- Annually submit Worksheet 1 – Grazing Management Records for each field in the grazing system.
- Records will include:
  - ☐ Pasture number and size of pasture
  - ☐ Forage type
  - ☐ Livestock type and number turned in to pasture
  - ☐ Date turned in and forage height at turn in
  - ☐ Date turned out and forage height after grazing
  - ☐ Hay harvested from system
  - ☐ Hay purchased and fed on this system
- After submitting the grazing management worksheets the practice will be certified by the use of MO-CONS-10 which will be provided by the NRCS field office.



### **Specific Criteria:**

- Grazing will be in accordance with production limitations, rate of plant growth, the physiological needs of the forage plants and management goals. Frequency and season of grazing will be based on the growth rate of the forage specie(s) being grazed at that time and its/their physiological condition. Stocking rates will be matched with the available forage being produced in the system without over grazing of the forages.
- Follow a planned grazing schedule for livestock which identifies periods when pastures are grazed, rested, and other treatment activities, or needs, for each management unit. The grazing schedule is to be used as a guide and can not take the place of daily observations. Observe the grass growth and follow minimum grazing heights for the forages you are growing as shown in on the MO Graze 4 in your conservation plan.
- Develop a contingency plan that accounts for problems with forage availability and livestock demand, and adjust the grazing prescription to insure resource goals are achieved in an economically feasible manner without resource degradation. Adjustments in animal numbers or feeding stored forages or feeds may be needed in times of forage deficiencies.

**Worksheet 1 – Grazing Management Records** (One sheet per pasture or paddock)

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|--|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| <b>Name:</b>                             |                             |  |                            |                 | <b>Year :</b>   |                     |
| <b>Pasture ID</b>                        | <b>Farm #</b><br>:          |  | <b>Tract # :</b>           |                 |   | <b>Forage type:</b> |
|  | <b>Field # :</b>            |  | <b>Pasture Acres:</b>      |                 |   |                     |
| <b>Livestock</b>                         |                             | <b>Date In</b>                                   | <b>Forage Height</b>       | <b>Date Out</b> | <b>Forage Height</b>  | <b>Notes</b>        |
| <b>Type(s)</b>                           | <b>Number</b>               |  |                            |                 |   |                     |
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| <b>Hay Harvested or purchased</b>        | <b>avg. number of bales</b> | <b>avg weight per bale</b><br><b>OR &gt;&gt;</b> | <b>Total tons per year</b> |                 | <b>Forage type of hay harvested from this pasture (if different than that listed above)</b> |                     |
| <b>Harvested from this pasture</b>       |                             |  |                            |                 |   |                     |
| <b>Purchased and fed on this pasture</b> |                             |  |                            |                 |   |                     |

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